



ELLESMORE URBAN DISTRICT
COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
L.WILSON EVANS, M.C., M.B., D.P.H.
for the year
1940



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The Ellesmere Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

As for last year the Ministry of Health has decided that the Report for 1940 should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year.

Your obedient servant,

L.WILSON EVANS.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Name.	Qualifications.	Office Held.	Whole or Part time.
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W.H.DAVIS	M.S.I.A., A.M.I.S.E.	Sanitary Inspector. & Surveyor.	Whole.

Ellesmere Urban District Council.			
<u>EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1940.</u>			
Population.....	2023		
Live Births	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	13	15	28
Illegitimate	--	--	--
Total	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>28</u>
Birth Rate:	Urban District.....		13.9
	Ellesmere Rural District.....		14.4
	England and Wales.....		14.6
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age:.....			Nil
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 births:	Ellesmere Rural District.....		48
	England and Wales.....		55
	M.	F.	Total
Still Births:	1	1	2
Rate per 1,000 population.....			0.98
Rate for Ellesmere Rural District.....			0.69
Rate for England and Wales.....			0.55
	M.	F.	Total
Deaths:	20	21	41
Death Rate:	Uncorrected	20.3	
	Corrected.....	16.4	
	Ellesmere Rural District	12.0	
	England and Wales.....	14.3	
Deaths from Cancer	Male 2.	Female 3	Total 5
Deaths from Measles.....			Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough.....			Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)..			Nil
Maternal Mortality.....			Nil
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Maternal Mortality rate per 1000 births -			
Ellesmere Rural District.....	Nil		
England and Wales.....	2.16		

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS & OTHER DISEASES

There was an outbreak of Measles, which became notifiable during 1939, during the last two months of the year. It was chiefly among children under 7 years of age, there were fortunately no deaths in a disease which is often serious in young children.

Notification of Infectious Diseases.

	Total Cases notified.	No. of cases admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	1	1	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-
Measles	41	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Progress was made in the immunisation of children against Diphtheria. The number of children that received treatment were

under 5 years of age	15
over 5 years of age	50
		65

The material used was Alum Precipitated Toxoid, two doses of .2cc and .5cc at an interval of four weeks.

TUBERCULOSIS.

<u>Notifications:</u>	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Deaths.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	1	2	-	-	1	1

The Sanitary Inspector has nothing to report. Although the work of meat inspection has been considerably less owing to slaughtering being done outside the district at a central slaughterhouse, and that in connection with housing curtailed, increased vigilance of cowsheds, dairies and food preparing places is required owing to increased risk of alimentary diseases such as dysentery and enteric fever due to war conditions.

